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¶1. (U) Department requests Embassy Bucharest deliver the diplomatic note in para two to Romania to provide combat air patrol during the upcoming Bucharest NATO Summit visit of President Bush. The text of the diplomatic note follows.

¶2. (S) Begin text of diplomatic note:

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of our two governments regarding the temporary deployment of United States Air Force aircraft and support equipment and United States Department of Defense Military and Civilian Personnel (U.S. personnel), hereafter collectively referred to as U.S. Forces, for the provision of security against airborne threats to NATO Heads of State and the President of the United States of America during the Bucharest NATO Summit 2008.

As a result of these discussions, the Embassy has the honor to confirm that U.S. Forces operating in Romania for these purposes shall be under the command and control of U.S. and/or NATO authorities. The Embassy confirms that the Agreement between the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the status of their forces, concluded in London on June 19, 1951, (the NATO SOFA), the Agreement between the United States and Romania Regarding the Status of U.S. Forces in Romania, signed in Washington on October 30, 2001 (hereinafter &Supplemental SOFA8), and the Agreement between the United States of America and Romania Regarding the Activities of United States Forces Located on the Territory of Romania, signed in Bucharest on December 6, 2005, shall apply. The Embassy further confirms that all activities and operations conducted in Romania for these purposes, including any claims arising therefrom will be governed by the NATO SOFA and the Supplemental SOFA, and any applicable Implementing Arrangements.

The Embassy further notes that, while in the territory of Romania in support of these activities, U.S. Forces may, as necessary, use force, up to and including deadly force, for the provision of intervention (security against any airborne threat, including RENEGADE aircraft), to the NATO Summit, NATO Heads of State, and/or the President of the United States of America at the request of the responsible representatives of the Government of Romania. U.S. Forces, right of individual self-defense is not prejudiced by this provision.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Romania, the Embassy requests that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania confirm that it shares these understandings.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of

the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Romania the assurances of its highest consideration.

End text of note.

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